

**Remarks**

Claims 1-54 are pending in the above-identified patent application. With this Submission, claims 1, 9-11, 14, 18, 27, 29, 35, 47, 48, 51, and 53 are amended, claims 45, 49, 52, and 54 are canceled, and new claims 55-57 are added. Upon entry of the current amendments, claims 1-44, 46-48, 50, 51, 53, and 55-57 are pending.

The claim amendments are fully supported by the application as originally filed as follows:

- Antecedent basis for the amendments to claims 1, 9, 18, and 35 can be found in the specification at, e.g., page 2 (lines 17-27), page 9 (lines 2-20), page 10 (lines 2-6), and page 25 (lines 1-18);
- Antecedent basis for new claims 55 and 56 can be found in the specification at, e.g., page 4 (lines 21 and 22);
- Antecedent basis for the amendments to claim 27 can be found in the specification at, e.g., page 7 (lines 18-23);
- Antecedent basis for the amendments to claims 29 and 53 can be found in the specification at, e.g., page 2 (lines 17-27), page 4 (lines 23-30), page 9 (lines 2-20), and page 25 (lines 8-18); and
- Antecedent basis for new claim 57 can be found in the specification at, e.g., page 2 (lines 17-27), page 4 (lines 23-30), page 9 (lines 2-20), page 12 (line 28), page 13 (line 16), page 17, (lines 15-20), and page 25 (lines 8-18).

Claims 10, 11, 14, 47, 48, and 51 are amended to conform the claim language accordingly. It is respectfully submitted that these claim amendments do not introduce new matter.

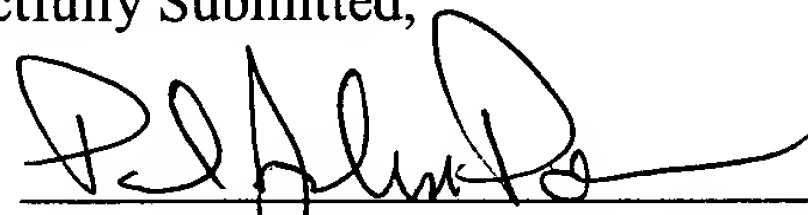
Because of claims previously paid for and canceled, it is respectfully submitted that no fee(s) are due for adding claims 55-57. However, if any fee(s) are required for adding new claim(s), please charge the appropriate fee(s) to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the present amendments.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, at the Examiner's convenience, should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication or the present patent application.

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